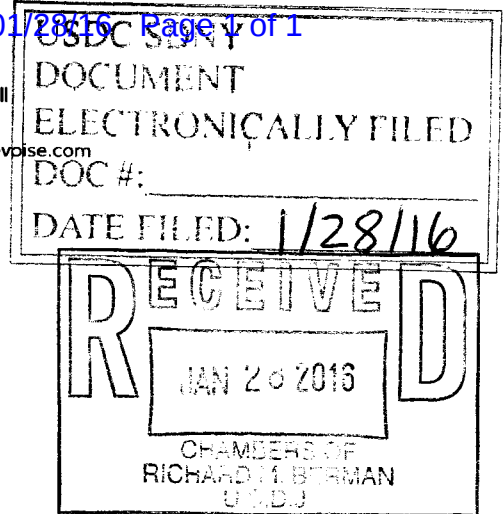


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Honorable Richard M. Berman  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
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**United States v. Barnes, et al., 15-cr-288 (S.D.N.Y.)**

Dear Judge Berman:

I was appointed as CJA counsel to Jermaine Mitchell, the defendant in the above-captioned case, on December 16, 2015. My colleague Elizabeth Nielsen, also of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, has appeared on Mr. Mitchell's behalf as well.

We have been informed that as of January 14, 2016, Mr. Mitchell has retained Lawrence Fisher as private defense counsel to represent him in this case going forward. We therefore request the court's leave to withdraw as counsel of record in this matter, and ask that the Court direct the Clerk to remove our names from the docket.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully submitted,

cc: Lawrence Fisher (by email)  
Hagan Scotten (by email)

*[Signature]*  
Helen V. Cantwell

**Application granted.**  
**Clerk is respectfully**  
**requestal to remove defense**  
**counsel Cantwell +**  
**Nielsen from the docket.**

SO ORDERED:  
Date: 1/28/16 *Richard M. Berman*  
Richard M. Berman, U.S.D.J.